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BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable J. Lee Rankin
General Counsel
The President's Commission
200 Maryland Avenue, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rankin:

Reference is made to your letter dated March 6, 1964, which was received over the weekend, advising that the Commission will hear testimony of bus driver Cecil J. McWatters and cab driver William Wayne Whaley on March 12, 1964. Your letter then comments that in view of this you desire certain items of information no later than March 11, 1964.

Our Dallas Office has been instructed to handle the requests contained in your letter and they will be completed as soon as possible. The short time allotted within which to obtain the information desired in your letter may prevent this Bureau from meeting the deadline which you set.

In order for this Bureau to render the complete assistance to the President's Commission which we would like to give, it would be helpful if the requests could be sent to this Bureau in sufficient time to properly handle them. We will extend every effort to carry out your desires and your assistance is requested in giving us as much advance notice as possible.

The foregoing confirms the conversation had with Mr. Howard Willens of your office on March 9, 1964.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover